PONTARDAWE RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report

FOR THE YEAR
1925

Will Hopkin, Pontardawe.

To the Chairman and Members

OF THE

PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of your district for the year 1925.

Area: 35,708 acres. Population, Census, 1921: 34,523.
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1921: 6,924.
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers, 1921: 7,331.
Rateable Value: £143,196.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate: £568.

POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE DIFFERENT LOCALITIES.

	Whole District.	Pontardawe.	Clydach.	Ystalyfera.	Caegurwen.
Population, Census 1921	34,523	10,776	8,412	7,283	8,052
,, estimated 1925	36,890	11,300	9,020	7,926	8,644
Deaths during year ..	397	137	89	84	87
Death-Rates	10·8	12	10	10·5	10
Births during year ..	709	210	178	172	159
(illegitimate) ..	23				
Birth-Rate	19	17·8	19·7	21·7	18·1
Deaths of Infants under one year ..	41	10	9	8	14
Death-Rate per 1,000 births	59	50	50	46	90

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1925 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Population.		Nett Births.			Nett Deaths.		
						At all ages	
Year.	Estimated	No.	Rate.	Under 1 year.	Rate.	No.	Rate.
1916	32,982	891	25	82	93	415	13
1917	31,890	850	23	65	76	368	11·6
1918	31,195	863	26	94	106·5	506	16·5
1919	33,280	823	24	73	88·5	384	11·5
1920	34,606	932	25	86	92	439	12·7
1921	34,523	964	28	87	88	390	11·3
1922	35,750	794	22	58	73	393	10·9
1923	36,160	750	21	60	80	371	10
1924	36,900	743	20	66	90	412	11
1925	36,890	709	19	41	~~59~~ 103	397	10·8
Averages		832	23	71	95	408	12

INFANT MORTALITY.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under One Year.

Causes.	Under 1 week.	1–2 weeks.	2–3 weeks.	3–4 weeks.	Total under 4 w'ks.	4 w'ks to 3 months	3 m'ths to 6 m'ths.	6–9 months.	9–12 months.	Pontardawe.	Clydach.	Ystalyfera.	Gwauncaegarwen.	Total.
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	3
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	6
Gastritis	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Diarrhœa	..	..	..	1	1	3	1	..	2	1	1	1	4	7
Congenital Debility	2	3	1	..	6	1	..	1	..	3	3	1	1	8
Congenital Malforma'n	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Premature Births	7	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	3	8
Convulsions	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Other Diseases	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2
Totals	11	5	3	1	20	5	5	2	9	10	9	8	14	41

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING CALENDAR YEAR, 1925.

Classified by Ages, Causes and Localities.

Causes.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 5 years.	5 to 15 years.	15 to 25 years.	25 to 45 years.	45 to 65 years.	65 and over.	Pontardawe.	Clydach.	Ystalyfera.	Caegurwen.	Total
Enteric Fever	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Measles	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	6
Whooping Cough	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4
Diphtheria	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	6
Influenza	..	..	..	2	..	4	4	2	2	3	2	5	12
Encephalitis Lethargica ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	..	..	1	2	7	14	6	..	19	4	4	3	30
Other tuberculous diseases	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	5
Cancer	..	..	..	1	1	27	9	..	15	6	10	7	38
Rheumatic Fever	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	3
Diabetes	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	2	1	..	4
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	13	5	6	10	2	23
Heart Disease	..	..	..	2	5	9	15	10	15	13	6	7	41
Arterio Sclerosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2
Bronchitis	3	1	..	1	1	..	8	12	8	5	5	8	26
Pneumonia	6	2	..	..	1	1	7	5	4	5	9	4	22
Other diseases of the respiratory organs ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	1	2	3	1	1	7
Ulcer of Stomach	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	3
Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	8
Appendicitis	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	3
Nephritis	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	4	..	..	1	5
Puerperal Fever	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	3
Other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	3
Diseases of pregnancy and parturition	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Congenital Debility, Malformations and Premature Births ..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	3	5	18
Suicides	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	1	3	1	..	5
Other deaths from violence	1	1	2	..	7	7	5	5	6	6	6	10	28
Other defined diseases ..	5	3	1	2	3	11	14	51	36	17	21	16	90
Totals ..	41	17	9	15	31	91	89	104	137	89	85	83	397

The General Death-Rate was 10.8, the lowest recorded, except for 1923, when it was 10. Average Death-Rate for last ten years, 12. Death-Rate for England and Wales for the year: 12.2. Cancer, Heart Disease and Cerebral Hæmorrhage showed slight increases over previous year; all other diseases showed a lower fatality.

Death-Rate for Enteric Fever was the same as for the previous year, viz., .02. Rates for Measles and Whooping Cough, .1 each; Influenza, .32. Deaths from violence, 6. As might be expected

in a preponderatingly mining district this Rate was higher than that for the country generally, which was .47. Death-Rate from Tubercular Diseases, .9.

Deaths from Puerperal Fever and diseases and accidents of parturition were 6—that is, very nearly one out of every hundred women die because of pregnancy and parturition. These cases were investigated either by myself or one of the Health Visitors.

Births, 397: Males, 225; Females, 172; illegitimate, 23. Birth-Rate for the district: 19, the lowest recorded. Birth-Rate for England and Wales for 1925: 18.3. The Highest Birth-Rate for the district was at Ystalyfera: 21.7. This has been the case for several years: but even here it was less than the average of 23 for the whole district for the last ten years.

Infant Mortality excess of births over deaths: 312. Death-Rate per 1,000 births 59, which is the same as for England and Wales for the same year. Average for the last ten years in the district was 75. This reduction of the Infant Mortality is the most encouraging fact in the statistics for the year. I have no doubt it is an indication of a greater maternal solicitude, fostered by the Health Visitors and Welfare Centres, where the ideal of lusty, healthy children is demonstrated realisable.

Notifications of Births within 36 hours: 709; Still Births, 22; total, 731. Notified by midwives, 698; by doctors, 12; by parents, 21.

Midwives practising in the district: Trained, 17; untrained, 10.

Health Visiting. Ystalyfera and Caegurwen worked by a whole-time Health Visitor. Pontardawe and Clydach: Nurses of their respective Nursing Associations.

Visits paid by Health Visitors during the year :—To expectant mothers (1) First visits, 117; (2) Total visits, 303. To Infants under one year (1), First visits, 743; (2) Total visits, 5,165; to Children 1—5 years, 3,185. Total Visits: 8,653.

Health Visiting in the different localities has been more uniform than in previous years.

WELFARE CENTRES.

Pontardawe.—Ynysderw House: alternate Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4.30. Drs. Evans and Dahne in attendance. Average attendance: 38.

Clydach.—Church Hall: every second and fourth Wednesday in each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. Dr. Morgan in attendance. Average attending: 25.

Gwauncaegurwen.—Church Hall: alternate Wednesdays, 4 to 5. Dr. Timothy in attendance. Average attending: 25

Cwmllynfell.—Chapel Vestry: alternate Wednesdays, 4 to 5. Dr. Owen in attendance. Average attending: 30.

Ystalyfera.—Wern Road: alternate Wednesdays, 4 to 5. Dr. Lewis in attendance. Average attending: 45.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
notified during year 1925.

	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 to 5 years.	5 to 15 years.	15 to 25 years.	25 to 45 years.	45 ta 65 years.	65 to 100 years.	Portardawe.	Clydach.	Ystalyfera.	Gwaxncae guywen.
Scarlet Fever ..	33	..	13	19	..	1	..	..	3	9	14	7
Diphtheria	68	1	15	30	8	13	1	..	20	27	7	14
Measles	110	2	65	39	2	2	..	..	28	4	60	18
Pneumonia	7	..	..	2	1	2	1	1	..	4	1	2
Puerperal Fever..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
Encephalites Lethargies ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Erysipelas	7	..	1	..	..	1	5	..	3	4	..	..
Typhoid Fever ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	38	..	1	7	8	17	5	..	20	7	8	3
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	3	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
Visits to Tubercular Cases ..	713	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	215	245	253	

PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.
Acts of Parliament adopted by Resolution.

Date of Adoption	Title of Act.	Powers given by
1896.		
Mar. 6	The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1890.	Notification (compulsory) of Infectious Diseases.
„ „	The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.	Inspection of Dairies and milk supplies; cleansing and disinfecting of infected premises; disinfecting of bedding; burial of infectious cases.
„ „	The Public Health Amendment Act, 1890. Part III only.	Extended Sanitary Powers.
1902.		
July 10	The Public Health (Water) Act, 1878.	To prevent occupation of houses without water supply.
„ „	The Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act, 1899-1923	Lending money for acquisition of dwelling houses to be occupied by borrower.
„ „	The Shops' Act, 1912 .	Regulating the closing of shops.

RAINFALL AT WERN HOUSE, YSTALYFERA, 1925.

Month.	Depth (ins.)	Wet Days
January	7·96	21
February	10·64	26
March	2·06	12
April	4·23	20
May	8·40	26
June	0·00	0
July	3·51	16
August	7·71	17
September	5·62	23
October	8·58	12
November	4·55	7
December	5·96	16
	69·22	196

Average for 32 years: 68·43.

JESSIE WILLIAMS.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. J. LEWIS.

Number of cases removed to Isolation Hospital:—Scarlet Fever, 22; Diphtheria, 16; Typhoid Fever, 1; Measles, 1.

The case of Enteric Fever belonged to the slight outbreak of the end of previous year. A greater effort was made this year to follow up the cases of Tuberculosis and to watch contacts.

Isolation Hospital: thirty beds. Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever admitted. Most cases of Scarlet Fever have a very mild course nowadays, and parents are seldom willing to have their children removed to Hospital. Scarlet Fever used to be a very serious disease, and its advent into a place struck terror and panic, but for many years past it has been of the grade of chicken pox, both in its course and consequences, and its severity and fatality have been slight compared with Measles. Moreover, Hospital isolation has been, admittedly, inefficient to prevent its spread. This melioration is not distinctive of your district, but a world-wide characteristic, and Authorities the world over seem inclined to recommend that hospital isolation of Scarlet Fever cases should not be pressed, but that beds at present reserved for Scarlet Fever should be utilised for the nursing of bad cases of Measles. On a review of the cases of both diseases which I have seen in your district

for over thirty years I believe this change of policy would be all to the good. Probably the direct mortality from Measles would become less, and careful nursing, to the regulated temperature, and the good ventilation of a well-managed hospital ward, would undoubtedly diminish many of its serious after-effects, whilst almost all cases of Scarlet Fever would get on very well at home, with only the amount of care that a decent mother would give them.

STATEMENT OF HOUSING ACTIVITIES, 1925.

Locality.	Site.	No. of Houses.			Total Col.3 4 & 5	Land acquired or to be acquired for Housing Purposes under the 1923–4 Acts.		
		Occupied.	In course of Erection.	Proposed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	A.	R.	P.
Ystalyfera	Ynisydarren ..	20	38	40	98	13	3	38
Gwauncaegurwen	Colbren Square	24	—	—	24	5	3	34
,,	Crescent Road ..	18	6	12	36	1	0	11
,,	Llwyncelyn.. ..	—	—	24	24	2	1	17
,,	Cwmgorse	—	—	4	4	0	3	37
Pontardawe.. ..	Alltycham	10	—	62	72	16	2	26
,,	Alltwen	20	10	20	50	11	0	26
,, ..	Trebanos	—	16	8	24	3	0	6
,,	Ynisymond	—	—	14	14	1	1	12
,, ..	Rhos	—	—	14	14	2	0	1
,, ..	Ynismudw	—	—	12	12	1	1	24
Clydach	Penybanc	24	—	—	24	4	2	24
,, ...	Tygwyn	—	—	92	92	9	0	5
,, ...	Craigcefnparc ..	—	—	14	14	1	2	10
Godrergraig ..	Hodgson's Road	—	10	22	32	3	1	17
,, ..	Maesycoed	6	6	8	20	1	3	39
Cwmllynfell ..	Lewis' Road ..	—	—	18	18	2	0	14
,, ..	Rhiwfawr	—	—	12	12	1	1	9
Pantyffynon ..	Garnswllt	—	—	12	12	1	1	14
	Totals ..	122	86	388	596	85	1	4

E. D. JONES, A.R.I.B.A., M.I.Struct.E.,
ARCHITECT.

1.—**Housing Schemes of Council :**

2.—**Houses erected by Private enterprise—Building Societies, etc.**

(A)	Number of Houses completed and occupied during year 1925	121
(B)	Number of Houses partly completed during year 1925	103
(C)	Number of plans which were passed by your Council, but not commenced during the year	18
(D)	Total Number of Houses completed during the year	121

From the number of applicants for the Council Houses it is apparent that the desire for good houses is on the increase, and people living in really bad houses are still unable to get better ones.

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

I.—General.

1.	Estimated Population	36,890
2.	General Death-Rate	10.8
3.	Death-Rate for Tuberculosis	.9
4.	Infant Mortality	59.0
5.	Number of new working-class dwelling-houses erected by Council, and occupied	98

II.—Unfit Dwelling Houses.

(a) **Inspection.**

(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	150
(2)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	40
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	196
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.. ..	60
(b) (1)	**Remedy** of defects without service of formal notice	32

(2) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their Officers 22

(c) Action under Statutory Powers .. ..

(A) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919 .. .. .. nil

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. 7

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit

(A) By Owners 22

(B) By Local Authority, in default of Owners nil

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close 20

(B) Proceedings under Public Health :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served, requiring defects to be remedied .. 30

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied

(A) by Owners .. .. nil

(B) by Local Authority, in default of Owner .. nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909 .. nil

(1) Number of representations made with a view of making Closing Orders 20

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 20

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit 1

(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .. nil

(5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .. nil

UNHEALTHY AREAS:

Areas represented to Local Authority with a view to improvement schemes under (A) Part I or (B) Part II of the Act of 1920	nil
Number of houses not complying with the Building Bye-laws, erected with the consent of the Local Authority, under Section 25 of the Housing and Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919	nil

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Laboratory Work.—Samples of Water supplies reported satisfactory; samples of Milk supplies reported satisfactory.

Local extensions and improvements of mains and sewers were made during the year (see Engineer's Report, appended). Water supply generally sufficient.

Public Health Staff.—One Sanitary Inspector, who is also a qualified Meat Inspector; Architect, and two Clerks of Works.

Common Lodging Houses.—Two in number; frequently visited, and found regular. Ministry of Health enquiries held during the year. Factories and Workshops, 84. Periodically visited; all in good order. Three complaints from Factory Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Dilapidated premises repaired	25
Closets converted to water-carriage system	38
Choked Drains attended to	14
Choked Closets attended to	12
Overcrowding: Number of Cases	6
Accumulation of manure	4
Back areas paved	7
Dangerous air-shafts	2
Samples of water taken	4
Dirty condition of premises	2
Cinema complaints	nil
Factory and Workshops: Complaints of Factory Inspector	3
Cesspools overflowing and cleaned	3
Preliminary Notices issued	28
Certificates granted under Rent Restriction Act, 1920 ..	6
New Slaughterhouse Licenses granted	nil
Van Dwellers	2
Slaughtering on unlicensed premises	nil

STATUTORY NOTICES ISSUED.

Connections to Sewer	24
Defective drainage	2
Nuisance in Back-yards	1
Dirty condition of premises	2
Overcrowding	4
Dilapidated dwellings	7
Insufficient sanitary conveniences	1
Cleansing of cesspools	1
Factory & Workshop Act	1
Fencing around dangerous places	1
Certificates under Rent Restriction Act of 1920	6

The number of Slaughter-houses in the district are as follows :

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Brynamman districts	4
Cwmllynfell	1
Ystalyfera, Godrergraig, Gurnos and Lower Cwmtwrch	12
Pontardawe, Alltwen, Ynisymond and Ynismeudw	11
Clydach, Trebanos and Craigcefnparc	8
Slaughter-house Licenses renewed for the year	6

The number of Carcases examined under the Public Health (Meat) Regulation from April 1st to December 31st, 1925, are as follows :—Beasts, 411 ; Lambs and Sheep, 2,780 ; Calves, 182 ; Pigs, 319.

MILK & DAIRIES AMENDMENT ACT, 1922.

Two applications were received under the above Order, and the premises have been inspected. The number on Register at present is :—Cow-keepers and Purveyors, 67, and 14 Purveyors, making a total of 8.

FACTORY & WORKSHOP ACT.

The number of Workshops registered under the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901, is :—

Dressmaking	18	Brickmaking	4
Tailoring	10	Saw Mills	1
Millinery	7	Watchmakers	2
Stone Dressing	2	Joinery	8
Bootmaking	10	Laundry	1
Saddlery	1	Baking Powder	1
Wheelwright & Shoeing	7	Hot-Water System	1
Motor Engineering and Cycle Repairing	5	Wagon Repairing	3
Knitting Machine	1	Gas-Makers	2
		Total	84

SITUATION OF HOUSES CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Date of Closing Order.	Situation.
April 25th, 1925 ..	17 Basement, High Street, Cwmgorse.
,, ,, ..	22 Water Street, Gwauncaegurwen.
,, ,, ..	4 Quarry Road, Gwauncaegurwen. House repaired; Closing Order revoked.
April 30th, 1925 ..	3 Craig Road, Godrergraig.
,, ,, ..	4 ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ..	5 ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ..	6 ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ..	7 ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ..	Penhow, Gwauncaegurwen.
May 14th, 1925 ..	26A Hebron Road, Clydach.
,, ,, ..	28 ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, ..	1 Lone Cottage, Clydach.
,, ,, ..	5 ,, ,, ,,
June 25th, 1925 ..	Graig Road, Trebanos.
Sept. 3rd, 1925 ..	53 Basement, Twynybedw Road, Clydach.
Oct. 1st, 1925 ..	Tygwyn, Pontardawe Road, Cwmgorse.
,, ,, ..	Glanyravon Road, Ystalyfera.
Oct. 14th, 1925 ..	7 Caenewydd Place, Gwauncaegurwen.
,, ,, ..	12 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Nov. 12th, 1925 ..	2 Parry's Road, Godrergraig.

REMOVAL OF BEDDING TO DISINFECTOR.

Numerous articles of clothing were removed to the Isolation Hospital for disinfection during the year.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

June 6th, 1925.—Overcrowding: Adjourned.

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WATER SUPPLY: SAMPLES TAKEN.

June 8th, 1925.—Glendole Farm, Cilybebill. Four samples of water were taken—two from the brook and two from the public supply. Brook unsatisfactory. Public supply satisfactory.

CONDEMNATION OF FOOD.

I found it necessary to destroy sixteen rabbits, one sheep, half-barrel of apples. Several parcels of tinned meat, fish and pears were also surrendered and destroyed.

SCAVENGING.

On the 26th January, 1925, a new Vulcan 30 cwt. Lorry was provided for the Scavenging at Clydach and Trebanos, at a cost

of £450; and on June 24th, 1925, a new 150-gallon Sanitary Tumbler Cart was provided for the Gwauncaegurwen district, at a cost of £38 16s., from the Phœnix Engineering Co., Chard, England.

A. E. EDMUNDS.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The following are the Works executed during 1925, Works in progress, Works in hand, and Prospective Works.

PARISH OF CILYBEBILL.

WORKS IN HAND.

520 yards' cleaning and re-laying 2 in. Water-main on Old Tramway Road, Gellynudd.

PROSPECTIVE WORKS.

One Urinal at Alltwen.
Fire Hydrants for Alltwen & Rhos.

PARISH OF LLANGUICKE.

WORKS EXECUTED.

136 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Harris Road, Cwmllynfell.
150 yards of 4 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Coedffaldau, Rhiwfawr.
196 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains off Upper Colbren Road, Gwauncaegurwen.
147 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Maesycoed Road, Godrergraig.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

159	yards of	3 in.	C. I. Watermains	off Upper Colbren Road, Gwauncaegurwen.
198	,,	3 in.	,,	at Crescent Road, Gwauncaegurwen.
100	,,	3 in.	,,	at Neuadd Road, Gwauncaegurwen.
100	,,	3 in.	,,	at Church Road, Cwmgorse.
56	,,	3 in.	,,	Llwyn Road, Cwmgorse.
201	,,	4 in.	,,	at Wade Avenue, Ystalyfera.
225	,,	3 in.	,,	at Wernwood Road, Ystalyfera.
168	,,	3 in.	,,	at Hodgson Road, Ystalyfera.
112	,,	3 in.	,,	at Maesycoed Road, Godrergraig.
76	,,	3 in.	,,	at Birchfield Road, Pontardawe.

The Ynismeudw and Cilmaengwyn Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme is nearing completion, the whole of the Sewers having been laid; and the Outfall Works will be completed in the course of two months, provided tiles can be obtained for the floors of the Filters.

84 yards of 6 in. Stoneware Sewers at Wernwood Road, Ystalyfera.
44 yards of 6 in. Stoneware Sewers at Lower Penywern Road, Ystalyfera.

WORKS IN HAND.

486	yards of	4 in.	C.I. Watermains	at Gough Road, Ystalyfera.
300	,,	3 in.	,,	at Tirbach Road, Ystalyfera.
154	,,	4 in.	,,	at Ynisydarren Housing Site, Ystalyfera.
116	,,	3 in.	,,	in by-road at Ynisydarren Housing Site, Ystalyfera.
333	,,	4 in.	,,	at Alltycham Housing Site, Pontardawe.
81	,,	3 in.	,,	on by-roads at Alltycham Housing Site, Pontardawe.
100	,,	3 in.	,,	at Alltycham Road, Pontardawe
60	,,	3 in.	,,	at Maesycoed Road, Godrergraig.

PROSPECTIVE WORKS.

Building Storage Reservoir at Gwauncaegurwen.
150 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Neuadd Road, Gwauncaegurwen.
50 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Park Lane, Brynamman.

Plans and sections are complete in connection with the sewering of Gwauncaegurwen, Cwmgorse, Tairgwaith and Brynamman, which sewers will be connected to the Amman Valley Joint Trunk Sewer. An application for a Loan to carry out this work will shortly be made to the Ministry of Health.

Plans and sections are also complete for a Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works for Rhydyfro; Sewerage Scheme for Cwmllynfell; Fire Hydrants at Brynamman, Gwauncaegurwen, Cwmgorse, Cwmllynfell, Ystalyfera, Godrergraig, Ynismeudw and Pontardawe. Also one Urinal for Cwmllynfell; one Urinal for Ystalyfera; one Urinal for Godrergraig; one Urinal for Ynismeudw.

PARISH OF RHYNDWYCLYDACH.

WORKS EXECUTED.

735 yards of 6 in. Cast Iron Watermains at High Street and Twynybedw Roads, Clydach.

1,473 yards of 4 in. C.I. Watermains at Cefneithrim, Upper Carlton, Farrady and Gellyonen Roads, Clydach.
78 yards of 3 in. C.I. Watermains at Tanyrallt Road, Clydach.
586 yards of 3 in. C.I. Watermains at Richardson Street and Graig Road, Trebanos.
550 yards of taking up and cleaning 2 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Graig Trebanos.
216 yards of 6 in. Stoneware Sewers off Graig Road, Trebanos.
Urinal at Vardre Square, Clydach.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

74 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Council Road, Trebanos.
30 yards of 3 in, Cast Iron Watermains at Ramsey Road, Clydach.

WORKS IN HAND.

198 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Gellyonen Road, Clydach.
270 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Ramsey Road, Clydach.
Building Storage Reservoir at Cefneithrim, Clydach.

PROSPECTIVE WORKS.

Extension of Sewer at Coedgwilym, Clydach.
" " off Pheasant Bush Road, Clydach.
Fire Hydrants at Clydach and Trebanos.
One Urinal at Clydach.

PARISH OF MAWR.

WORKS EXECUTED.

1,222 yards of 4 in. Socketted Stoneware Pipes, jointed in cement (free flow), from Blaenffynonau Springs to Storage Reservoir near Garnswllt Schools.
2,604 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains from Storage Reservoir along Cerdinen and Garnswllt Roads.

WORKS IN HAND.

87 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Rhyddwen Road, Craigcefnparc.

PROSPECTIVE WORKS.

Extension of Watermains along road leading to Pontardulais.
Water supply for Velindre.

PARISH OF YNISYMOND.

WORKS IN HAND.

504 yards of 3 in. Cast Iron Watermains at Graigola Road, Glais.
132 yards of 3 in. C.I. Watermains off Pit Road, Glais.
420 yards of 3 in. C.I. Watermains at Upper Ynisymond Road, Glais.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

WORKS EXECUTED.

Widening and re-constructing Bridge No. 1 near Llwyncelyn Farm, Gwauncaegurwen.

41 yards of 6 in. Stoneware Storm-water Sewer at Pontardawe Road, Cwmgorse.

173 yards of 9 in. Stoneware Storm-water Sewer at Gellyonen Road, Clydach.

Widening Coedffaldau Road, Rhiwfawr.

,, Vardre Square, Clydach.

,, Rhyddwen Road, Craigcefnparc.

97 yards of 6 in. Storm-water Sewer at Graigymerched Road, Ystalyfera.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

Widening and re-constructing Bridge No. 2 at entrance to Llwyncelyn Road, Gwauncaegurwen.

Tar-spraying Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell; Beulah Road, Cwmtwrch; Church and Glanyravon Roads, Ystalyfera; Holly Street and Grove Road and Dynevor Road, Pontardawe; and Ynisypenllwch, Vardre and Penybank Roads, Clydach.

WORKS IN HAND.

311	yards of	18 in.	storm-water	sewer at	Church Street and Alltycham Road, Pontardawe.
120	,,	15 in.	,,	,,	through garden and field at Alltycham, Pontardawe.
67	,,	6 in.	,,	,,	at Grove Road, Pontardawe.
145	,,	9 in.	,,	,,	at Gellyonen Rd., Clydach.
30	,,	6 in.	,,	,,	at Rhyddwen Road, Craigcefnparc.

Widening Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell.

,, Gwilym Road Bridge, Cwmllynfell.

,, Beulah Road, Cwmtwrch.

,, Rhyddwen Road near Rock Inn, Craigcefnparc.

,, Herbert Street Corner, Pontardawe.

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Supplementary report Pontardawe Rural District Council,1925.

1. Pollution of streams. Tinplate effluents - reports from County Analyst satisfactory. No sewage allowed to discharge into streams. Slop-water from three small districts still discharged but these districts are in process of being sewered and when completed this nuisance will end.

2. Closet accommodation. Two-thirds of houses have water closets. The remaining third pail closets which are emptied weekly and deposited on carefully selected sites.

3. Milk Supply. Over half of milk produced in district. Cowsheds and dairies satisfactory. Some of the cowsheds are old and dark but generally clean. Purveyors of milk are registered and premises frequently inspected.

4. Amount spent on Poor Law relief - £21,724: 1: 2.

5. Hospitals for general purposes. Mostly dependent on Swansea Hospital. A small Hospital at Clydach (12 beds) for Clydach District provided by Clydach Nursing Association.

6. Ambulance facilities. 1. Infectious cases - one motor ambulance provided by District Council. 2. Non-infectious cases - two motor ambulances provided by certain works. More will be available shortly.

7. Nursing arrangements. Nursing Association in each locality supported by voluntary contributions of workpeople. Pontardawe - three nurses, Clydach - two, Ystalyfera - one, Caegurwen - one. Provisions for nursing Infectious cases - Health visitors are notified and attend to cases of measles requiring special attention.

* 8. Administration of Acts and Orders in connection with Milk Supply. Sanitary Inspector inspects all Dairies and has been giving Lectures to Farmers and Dairymen regarding the Order. Tuberculous Milk and Tuberculous cattle under the control of County Council and the Police take samples of milk.
No licences granted for sale of milk with Special Designation and no pasteurised milk produced in District.
No refusals or revocations of registration of retailers.
Reports from Bacteriological Laboratory on sample of milk satisfactory.

9. Slaughter Houses.

	1920.	January 1925.	December 1925.
Registered.	9	9	9
Licensed.	20	27	27

* Arrangements for supply and distribution of milk of pure and wholesome character are in my opinion adequate and on the whole better than in most places.

(Sgd.) W.J.Lewis.